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REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-29. Claims 1-9, 11-19, 21, 24, and 27-29 have been amended. The dependent claims have been amended merely to make them consistent with the new language introduced in the independent claims. Claims 30-33 are new. No new matter has been added. Thus, Claims 1-33 are presented for further examination. Reconsideration and allowance of all Claims in light of the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,101,387 to Granberg, et al (Granberg).

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053.

Applicant respectfully submits that each and every element of Claim 1, as amended is not found in Granberg. Granberg discloses a telecommunications network configured to look up available services for a user who moves from one geographical area to another (Col 6 Lines 41-46).

Granberg does not, however, disclose passing characteristic data of a user initiated call to a Visitor Intelligent Network (VIN) when IN service data is required to establish the call. Applicant respectfully submits that there is no mention of a VIN in Granberg. Similarly, as there is no mention of a HIN in Granberg, applicant respectfully submits that Granberg does not disclose obtaining a protocol and a network location from a Home Intelligent Network (HIN). While Granberg does teach that mobile communications networks use IN services (Col 1-2 lines 51-2), and that communications networks can support multiple protocols (Col 4, lines 44-56), Granberg does not discuss use of VINs or HINs, and therefore does not teach establishing a user initiated call based on service data obtained from a network location in accordance with a protocol received from an HIN by a VIN.

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Accordingly, at least for the reasons discussed above, Applicant respectfully submits that Granberg does not teach each and every element of Applicants Claim 1, as amended. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Applicants Claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Similarly, because each of Claims 2-10 depend from Claim 1, Applicant submits that each of Claims 2-10 are in condition for allowance at least for the reasons discussed above with regard to Claim 1 and their separate features.

As amended, Claims 11, and 27-29 recite features similar to those recited in the method of Claim 1. Accordingly, the arguments with respect to Claim 1 similarly apply, and thus, these claims are respectfully submitted for further review as patentable subject matter.

Similarly, because each of Claims 12-26 depend from Claim 11, Applicant submits that each of Claims 12-26 are in condition for allowance at least for the reasons discussed above with regard to Claim 11, and their separate features.

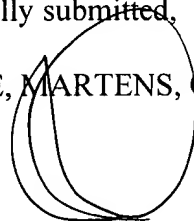
Conclusion

Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, amendments to the claims for patentability purposes pursuant to statutory sections 102, and/or 103, the reasons therefore, and arguments in support of the patentability of the pending claim set are presented above. In light of these amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

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